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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
 - a. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s)
3. ☒ Specification (preferred arrangement set forth below) [Total Pages 69]
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 26]
- ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 4]
 - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy) ☐ Unexecuted
 - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 20 completed)
[Note Box 6 below]
 - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- ☒ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 5b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a
copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is
considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying
application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
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Program (Appendix)

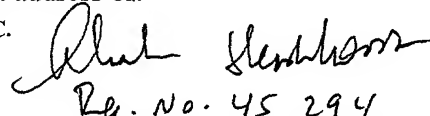
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 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
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 - ii. ☐ paper
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10. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
11. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
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13. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
14. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
15. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
16. ☒ Figure of Drawing to be published 64
17. ☒ Foreign priority claimed
 - a. ☒ Claim of Priority
 - b. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
18. ☐ Assignee: _____
19. ☒ Other: Request for Examiner Approval of Drawing
Amendment (with three sheets)
Copy of Request for Extension of Time filed concurrently in
Parent Application No. 09/200,855

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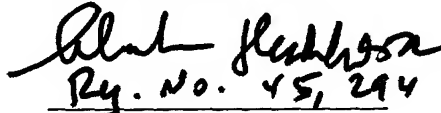
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Attached hereto are three drawing sheets, which include changes to FIGS. 46, 47 and 64 indicated in red. These drawings are being filed concurrently with Applicants' Preliminary Amendment.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate approval of the entry of the amended drawings in the next Office action.

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